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1. AFTER PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH EPMG SECURITY OFFICIALS APO, OIC NAVCOMMUNIT AND DOD-CONTRACT HAD REACHED CONCLUSION (MENTIONED IN PARA 2 REF A) THAT AMERICANS WORKING AT KAGNEW MUST RESIDE IN CONCENTRATED AND DEFENSIBLE AREAS. AT 1500 HOURS MEETING, APO AND ADMIN OFFICER, OIC AND DOD-CONTRACT MANAGER AGREED THAT SECURITY SITUATION FOR AMERICANS IN ASMARA HAS REACHED NEW PHASE AND NEW SOLUTIONS MUST BE FOUND FOR SECURITY OF RESIDENCES. KNOWING RELUCTANCE OF COL TELEHUN, CO EPMG FORCES IN ERITREA TO PROVIDE MILITARY OR POLICE GUARDS, WE EXPLORED POSSIBILITIES OF CONCENTRATING RESIDENCES OF AMERICANS NOW LIVING OFF TRACT ECHO. AT PRESENT THERE ARE 13 SINGLE AND 5 MARRIED
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DOD-CONTRACT EMPLOYEES LIVING OFF KAGNEW (ALL NAVY PERSONNEL

ARE HOUSED AT TRACT ECHO).

2. DURING DISCUSSIONS, BLOCK OF SEVEN HOUSES LOCATED IMMEDIATELY OUTSIDE ENTRANCE TO U.S. PORTION OF TRACT ECHO WAS SELECTED FOR SINGLE EMPLOYEES. THIS LOCATION AFFORDS SECURITY FROM ECHO TO WEST, EPMG-OCCUPIED FORMER SCHOOL YARDS TO SOUTH AND EAST. SECOND LOCATION FOR MARRIED EMPLOYEES IS IN CENTRALLY-LOCATED ONE BLOCK AREA IN BAROTELO ESTATES TO EAST OF AIRPORT ROAD.

3. AFTER MEETING AMONG AMERICAN OFFICIALS APO, OIC AND CISCO PROJECT MANAGER BAKER MET WITH COL. TELEHUN. APO INITIATED DISCUSSION BY RAISING POINTS CITED IN PARA 1 REF B. TELEHUN EXCUSED HIS OBVIOUS EMBARRASSMENT ABOUT ABDUCTION BY BLAMING INCIDENT ON AMERICAN BEING DISPERSED THROUGHOUT CITY. WE ACKNOWLEDGED PROBLEM OF DISPERSAL BUT EXPLAINED THAT AMERICANS CONCERNED ARE CIVILIANS AND NOT SUBJECT TO MILITARY DISCIPLINE. WE ASKED THAT AS IMMEDIATE MEASURE, EPMG MILITARY PATROLS BE CONDUCTED THROUGH AREA WHERE AMERICANS CURRENTLY RESIDE, PROVIDING DETAILED MAP OF EACH HOME. TELAHUN AGREED AS TEMPORARY MEASURE ONLY. TELEHUN DEFINITELY RULED OUT POSTING EPMG TROOPS AT AMERICAN HOMES OR MOONLIGHTING OF TROOPS AT AMERICANS' EXPENSE. WE THEN COUNTERED BY PROPOSING TWO SITES FOR RELICATION AND CONCENTRATION OF AMERICANS, POINTING THEM OUT ON MAP. TELEHUN SEEMED PLEASED AND AT OUR REQUEST TELEPHONED BG GETACHEW, MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR, TO TRANSMIT OUR PROPSAL TO HIM. BG GETACHEW ORDERED A MAJOR GETACHEW OF EPMG HOUSING AUTHORITY TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH US IMMEDIATELY.

4. ON ARRIVAL OF MAJOR GETACHEW, APO, OIC AND BAKER ACCOMPANIED HIM, LTC ELMA, SECOND DIVISION G-3 AND ANOTHER ETHIIOPIAN SECURITY OFFICER FOR ON-SITE INSPECTION OF TWO LOCATIONS. ALTHOUGH MAJOR GETACHEW SEEMED BALKY, SECURITY OFFICERS APAPEARED PLEASED WITH BOTH SITES. THEY SAID THAT PROVIDING PATROLS TO SITE FOR MARRIED EMPLOYEES WOULD NOT POSE PROBLEM AND SITE FOR SINGLE EMPLOYEES WOULD NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL EPMG TROOPS.

5. ON RETURN TO CONGEN, APO TELEPHONED BG GETACHEW AND ARRANGED APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS RELOCATION FURTHER AT 1000 HOURS DEC 23. WE CONSIDER IT IMPERATIVE TO INVOLVE BG GETACHEW IN RELOCATION OF AMERICANS IN CASE ETHIOPIAN BUREAUCRACY IMPEDES OUR EFFORTS. CONFIDENTIAL

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GETACHEW INDICATED THAT HE WILL ISSUE NECESSARY INSTRUCTION TO ASSURE THAT AMERICANS HAVE ACCESS TO HOUSES THEY REQUIRE. APO AND OIC WILL TAKE MAP ALONG ON GETACHEW INTERVIEW TO OBTAIN HIS APPROVAL.

6. DOD-CONTRACT MANAGERS (WHO HAVE URGED THEIR EMPLOYEES TO SPEND NEXT FEW NIGHTS AT TRACT ECHO) ANTICIPATE SOME RESISTANCE TO MOVE FROM THEIR SINGLE EMPLOYEES, BUT ARE PREPARED TO MAKE RELICATION

TO MORE SECURE AREA A CONDITION OF CONTINUED EMPLOYEMNT. FACED
WITH "EITHER-OR" SITUATION, OIC AND DOD-CONTRACT MANAGERS DO
NOT EXPECT MORE THAN THREE OR FOUR RESIGNATIONS, IF ANY AT
ALL. OIC BELIEVES USN PERSONNEL CURRENTLY ON-SITE COULD HANDLE
ADDITIONAL WORK CAUSED BY VACANCIES INTO IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
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